

MEDIA RELEASE

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BAS in Urgent Need of Foster and Adoptive Families

On Saturday, July 22nd the Alamance County Sheriff's Office seized 18 dogs under emergency circumstances. These pets are now being cared for by Burlington Animal Services (BAS) and will remain in the care of BAS while the case is investigated by the Alamance County Sheriff's Office. Due to the seasonally high number of pets already in the care of Burlington Animal Services at this time, an urgent plea for foster and adoptive families is being issued. Burlington Animal Services is now at critical capacity and pets currently at BAS need foster families and adopters to open their homes at their hearts to ensure they all have positive outcomes.

Foster volunteers are asked to care for an adoptable pet in their homes in order to free up critical kennel capacity at BAS. Pet food and any necessary medical care are provided for the foster pet at no cost to the foster family. Interested foster volunteers may visit <u>BAS on the web</u> to learn more, or may call Program Coordinator Laura Michel at (336) 578-0343 x102 for more information.

Providing a permanent home for an adoptable pet at BAS is easy and inexpensive. Visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/pets to view adoptable pets online. Visit Burlington Animal Services to get to know the adoptable pets and see if one is a match for your family. For the remainder of the month of July, adoption fees for all dogs will be waived. Adoptions include spay/neuter, basic vaccinations, heartworm test, initial deworming and flea and tick treatment, and 30 days of free Trupanion Pet Insurance.

Regular adoption fees are \$90 for dogs and will resume on Tuesday, August 1st. Regular adoption fees for cats are \$50 and will resume Thursday, September 22nd. Call 336-578-0343 with questions or for additional information. Learn more about Burlington Animal Services and view available adoptable animals at www.BurlingtonNC.gov/pets. Adopt a friend and save a life!

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